Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 26 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 27 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 25 Jan 2023 at 14:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a mainly dry bright day on Thursday and then for rather changeable weather but lower for timing of these changes.

Headline for Thursday 26 Jan 2023: A mainly dry day, with sunny spells, perhaps a light wintry shower at first. A colder day.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 26 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 26 Jan 2023

Weather: A mainly dry day, with mostly well broken cloud allowing good sunny spells. Areas exposed to the north around Ben Hope and Suilven will see more in the way of cloud at first and perhaps even a light wintry shower.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in north at first otherwise 80-90%, higher in south.

Low cloud and visibility: Occasional cloud at 800m-1000m in north at first with the odd patch at 600m in any light showers, otherwise little in the way of low cloud. Visibility away from any cloud very good with little reduction in any light showers in north.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	23/29 N	22/28 NW	18/24 N	13/17 N	11/14 N	7/9 NW	6/9 W	7/9 SW	12/18 SW
900	22/27 N	22/28 NW	17/23 N	11/15 N	9/12 N	6/8 NW	6/9 W	7/9 SW	13/19 SW
600	13/19 N	13/20 N	9/15 N	5/9 N	6/9 N	4/6 NW	4/6 W	5/8 SW	8/14 SW
300	5/22 NW	7/25 NW	3/18 N	1/9 N	2/10 N	1/6 NW	3/7 W	2/6 SW	5/12 SW
Glen	7/19 N	8/21 N	3/10 NW	5/11 N	3/8 NW	2/4 NW	2/4 NW	2/4 W	4/8 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-8
900	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-6	-1/-6	-1/-4	-1/-5	-2/-5	-2/-7
600	2/-3	1/-3	1/-3	1/-2	1/-2	2/-0	1/-1	1/-2	0/-4
300	4/2	3/0	3/1	2/1	4/2	4/2	2/1	0/-1	1/-2
Glen	7/5	6/4	6/4	5/4	6/5	6/6	5/4	3/2	4/2
Freezing Level*	800m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A colder day, note the very low feels like temperatures. Glare possible from the snowpack in sunnier areas.

Forecast for Friday 27 Jan 2023

Weather: A dry bright start, with some sunshine in the east until late morning but cloud soon thickening from the west. Cloud lowering in the afternoon with extensive hill fog developing along with some light rain or drizzle, starting off as freezing rain, sleet or even snow flurries above 900m. Turning clearer late evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 10-20mph increasing 35 gusts 45mph by evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% falling 30% by midday and 10% by mid afternoon, chances reducing quicker further to the west, improving 80% late evening

Low cloud and visibility: Little cloud in east at first but layered cloud arriving at 600-900m from the west during the morning with areas to 450-600m in the west during the afternoon. Visibility initially good, but deteriorating as rain and drizzle develops later, and of course very poor in the cloud-induced hill fog. Improving late evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius rising to Plus 5 in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising Plus 3 in the afternoon, falling zero by late evening.
Freezing level: 600m rising just above summits in the afternoon, then 800m by late evening

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